

IARR DAILY CREW REPORT

Tampa Module #2

DATE: 08/17/2015, Monday TIME 13:00 hours, pdt WORK DAY# 14 *Final Work Shift !*

PERSON REPORTING: Name of IARR: DAN BELANGER, located in Willow Creek, CA.
Name of IARR(t): PETE IRVINE, located in Hayfork, CA.

CREW NAME & NUMBER (FIRST SHIFT DAY = Tuesday, August 4, 2015)

Crew#	Crew	Local Reference	CRWB		Assignment
C-24	T2IA-PRMA-#3	PR-MA#3	Gabriel Gutierrez		Fork Complex
C-29	T2IA-FLST-#2	FL-ST#2	Ed Vuolo		Fork Complex
C-30	T2IA-GAMA-#1	GA-MA#1	Micah Thorning		Fork Complex
C-44	T2IA-GAST-#2	GA-ST#2	Chris Buchanan		River Complex
C-45	T2IA-FLMA-#1	FL-MA#1	Alan Kirby		River Complex

LOCATION & ASSIGNMENT OF CREWS

Fork Complex – CA-SHF-002067

STATE: California

ICP is located in Hayfork, CA, at the Trinity County Fairgrounds, approximately 65 miles west of Redding, CA. The Fork Complex began as more than 40 lightning-caused fires on the Hayfork Ranger District of the Shasta-Trinity National Forest on July 30 and 31. The complex now consists of five major ongoing fires – Barker, Peak, Rail, Shiell, and Blue. A California Type 1 IMT (Team #1, IC Jerry McGowan) is managing the Fork Complex in unified command with CalFire (IC Ron Bravo). All three crews assigned to this fire complex continued to work productively and safely yesterday.

PR-MA#3 and FL-ST#2 are assigned to day shift in Division O/P, securing existing firelines and mopping up sections of the fire within the combined division.

GA-MA#1 continues as part of the Firing Group on night shift, operating in several divisions. Last night, they conducted firing operations in Division N, near Wilson Peak, on the south side of the Rail and Shiell Fires.

Crew#	Crew	Fire	Acres	Division	START Shift	END Shift	Cell Service
C-24	PR-MA#3	Fork Complex	33,473	O/P, Br IV	ICP-Hayfork	ICP-Hayfork	Spotty
C-29	FL-ST#2	Fork Complex	33,473	O/P, Br IV	ICP-Hayfork	ICP-Hayfork	Spotty
C-30	GA-MA#1	Fork Complex	33,473	Firing Group	ICP-Hayfork	ICP-Hayfork	Spotty

2015 River Complex – CA-SHF-002066

STATE: California

ICP is located in Willow Creek, CA, approximately 105 miles west of Redding, CA. The River Complex started on 7/30/2015 and was comprised of four lightning-caused fires burning on the Shasta-Trinity and Six Rivers National Forests. All four fires have now merged together and are now one fire, called the Groves Fire. The Groves Fire has increased to 39,445 acres and is holding at 18% contained. The primary fuel types for this fire are large timber with a mix of tall grass and understory. There are 846 personnel assigned to this fire. Great Basin Type 1 IMT Team #2 (IC Chris Ourada) is managing this fire. The ICP is located at Veterans Park about 1 mile north of Willow Creek.

Today the FL-MA#1 and GA-ST#2 crews will complete their last operational shift working in Branch 1, Division A/D, continuing to secure, improve, and mop-up containment lines from Drop Point 1 north to the division break.

Crew#	Crew	Fire	Acres	Division	START Shift	END Shift	Cell Service
C-44	GA-ST#2	River Complex	39,445	Branch I Div. A/D	ICP-River Complex	ICP-River Complex	Y
C-45	FL-MA#1	River Complex	39,445	Branch I Div. A/D	ICP-River Complex	ICP-River Complex	Y

MORALE OF CREWS:

Morale of all five crews continues to be very good. Crews are committed to finishing this final work shift and this fire detail strong and safe, and are looking forward to returning home.

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INJURIES:

No significant injuries to report.

MESSAGE:

The National Preparedness Level remains at Level 5, the most severe category. There are currently 95 uncontained large fires burning in the nation, including 30 in northern California. Fork Complex is the #1 fire in California, and River Complex is the #5 fire in California. However, there are multiple higher priority fires in the Northern Rockies and the Northwest geographic areas. Four MAFFS C-130 Airtankers are assigned to McClellan Airfield in Sacramento, California in support of wildland fire operations. One aircraft is provided by the 145th Airlift Wing, Charlotte, North Carolina.

The IARRs continue to prepare for the demobilization of the 5 crews. Today, Monday 8/17, is the final work day for all crews. Plans are in place for the 5 crews to demobe from their incident assignments on Tuesday 8/18 and travel to Redding, CA. They will overnight in tents at the Northern California Service Center (North Ops). Crews will travel from Redding to Tampa via the NIFC contract jet on Wednesday 8/19. Crews will overnight at the Withlacoochee Forestry Center and arrive at their home units on Thursday 8/20.

Fork Complex

The Fork Complex is now 33,473 acres, 52% contained, with 2,259 personnel assigned. There are currently more firefighters than residents in Hayfork, effectively doubling the size of the town temporarily. The weather today remains hot and dry. High temperature will reach 99 degrees, and humidity will be 9-15%. Winds remain relatively low, 3-6 mph from the southeast, then switching to the northwest.

Management transition is complete, with a new CalFire IC and CIIMT Team #1 working in unified command managing firefighting efforts on the Fork Complex. Progress continues to be made on all fires in the complex. Divisions are being combined, and firefighting resources are being further consolidated, as resources time-out and are not replaced, due to higher priority needs for resources on other fires.

PR-MA#3 and FL-ST#2 will begin demobing from the Fork Complex at 07:00 on Tuesday, 8/18. GA-MA#1 will work a short shift beginning at 18:00 hours on Monday 8/17, bed down for required rest, then begin the demobe process from the Fork Complex by 12:00 hours on Tuesday, 8/18, in time to rejoin the other crews in Redding by 17:00 hours.

River Complex:

GA-ST#2 and FL-MA#1 continue to make good progress on Branch I, Division A/D of the River Complex mostly working on mopping up, pulling hose lay, and improving containment lines.

With very limited line resources available, the overall objective of this incident is to utilize a combination of direct fireline construction, indirect fireline construction, and point protection. A key element of the plan is flexibility and the ability to apply the right resource to the appropriate task at hand and ensuring the task be accomplished in a safe manner.

Today's forecast calls for again a thick inversion of smoke until early afternoon hours then sunny skies will prevail for the remainder of the day. Temperatures will be in the mid 90's today along Branch 1, Division A/D. Winds will remain light from 3-5 mph from the southeast this morning then becoming northwest 4 to 8 mph after 1400 hrs.

NOTE: Yesterday, two Type 2IA crews (contract crews) were demobed immediately from Branch II, Division W of the River Complex due to having illicit drugs in possession. There is zero tolerance for non-prescription drugs, alcohol or sexual harassment with all IMTs. These two crews will now be disbarred from being on a national contract for the remainder of the year.

Notes on Abbreviations: pdt = pacific daylight time.

PR = Puerto Rico, FL = Florida, GA = Georgia. IMT = Incident Management Team.

MA = Multi-Agency, ST = State. CIIMT = California Interagency Incident Management Team.

IC = Incident Commander ICP = Incident Command Post. CRWB = Crew Boss.

IARR = Interagency Resource Representative. NIFC = National Interagency Fire Center

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